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Memorandum

To: Co-Chairs Clyde Burmaster & Barry Weinstein, MD

From: Transportation Subcommittee Chair Hal Morse

Re: October and November 2004 meetings

Date: December 3, 2004

The Erie-Niagara Regional Partnership's Transportation Subcommittee met October 29 and November 19, 2004 at the UB Institute for Local Governance and Regional Growth. Present for the October meeting were subcommittee members Morse, Burmaster, Ruzala, and Wendel, along with Bob Gower from the NFTA and the GBNRTC's Doug Struckel. Present for the November meeting were subcommittee members Morse, Burmaster, and Ruzala.

Job Access & Public Transportation:

The pilot has resulted in a final document that quantified the issue and established a process for future coordination. This helps the area be ahead of future jobs access issues in a proactive format.

The Transportation Subcommittee requests approval to further implement a process between the economic development and transportation agencies whereby public transportation needs are assessed and acted upon as they relate to business creation or growth and job training.

To effectuate said policy, the Subcommittee will work with the ENRP Economic Development Subcommittee, as well as other parties in the economic development field. The goal is to operationalize a system with specific language, scopes of responsibility, and designated persons of responsibility that is agreed to by all the affected agencies. This will allow for effective implementation and follow-up.

Niagara Falls International Airport:

Following a successful "two-way" presentation between the ENRP and the NFTA, subcommittee member Diane Ruzala will check with NFIA officials as to whether they need further information on any of the topics covered at the general meeting.

State and Federal Priorities

The subcommittee believes that we have a good opportunity to educate newly elected state and federal officials on a set of mutually agreed upon priorities. This will be discussed at the next general meeting.

Other Topics:

Other topics discussed include shoreline corridor signage, snow emergency routes, tourist signage, and tourist transportation (please see the December Tourism and Culture Subcommittee report for more information on the two latter topics).